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Dear ANC Members:

I have three points to make in opposition to the special request to extend building in the back more than 10 feet at 3608 S Street.

I have lived at my home at 3526 Street for 32 years. I am head of the garden club. Perhaps no one has realized how much landscape will be lost when extensions are more than 10 feet

These extensions more than 10 feet cut off about 50 to 70 percent of light and circulation of air.

Without sufficient light and circulation of air, shrubs and trees and perennials don't grow. Landscaping costs money. Many residents have lived in their homes for decades. The resident who lives next to a house with an extension loses not only the beauty of the landscape they have cultivated over decades, but also birds will have less provisions as Burleith has long been noted as a Bird sanctuary.

Secondly, many residents who have been affected by recent specially granted longer extensions, are older People. I am beginning to believe that there is an age discrimination against residents in favor of pocketing the Fees that developers must pay for a special dispensation for a longer extension. This discrimination against established residents who are older will continue if your office does not faithfully uphold the 10 feet long regulation. And older resident has most likely no interest and no finances to build taller and longer to match its neighbors. Therefore the older resident is cut off from natural light, has a dearth of landscape to enjoy, and has to deal with walking out on their deck only to see concrete on both sides for 20 feet or more. But yourselves in our shoes, would you want to see concrete as you step out into your garden?

My last comment has to do with privacy. My next-door neighbor built up a third-floor and out 15 feet on each floor. I have experienced a lack of privacy As I am a painter I paint on the deck. My next-door neighbors at any time can see me from the windows on their extension. The lack of privacy affects my well-being as a painter and gardener.

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Thank you
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